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an external principle shell made of rigid material including two lateral wall portions covering and corresponding to zones occupied by ears of a user; and

10 connection means to attach and position said case[, acoustic pickup, and speaker] inside of said [headgear] principle shell in one of the zones occupied by the ear of the user, the connection means including a

15 removable connection between the case of the communication device and the headgear.

Please place claim 2, previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter, in independent form as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A [The] protective headgear [equipped with an electroacoustic type communication according to claim 1 wherein the case further includes] comprising:

5 a case including an extension that defines a connection tab which is engaged in a lateral guide of complementary shape in said protective headgear;

an electroacoustic type communication device including an acoustic pick-up and a speaker housed in the

10 case;

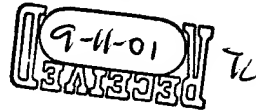
an external principle shell including two lateral wall portions covering and corresponding to zones occupied by ears of a user; and,

connection means to attach and position said

15 case, acoustic pick-up, and speaker inside of said headgear in one of the zones occupied by the ear of the user, the connection means including a removable connection between the case of the communication device and the headgear.

Please amend claim 7 to emphasize that the lateral wall portions that define the ear protection zones are an integral part of the principle shell as follows:

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7. (Thrice amended) A protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic type communication device comprising:

5 a[n] rigid external principle shell which is shaped to conform with a user's head and having integral lateral rigid wall portions which define ear protection zones that cover ears of an associated user;

10 a case detachably attached inside of the [headgear] rigid principle shell within the one of the ear zones;

a speaker disposed inside the case within the ear zone; and

an acoustic pick-up disposed inside the case within the ear zone.

Please place claim 8, previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter, in independent form as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A [The] protective headgear equipped with an electroacoustic type communication device [according to claim 7 further including:] comprising:

5 an external principle shell which is shaped to conform with a user's head and having lateral wall portions which define ear zones that cover ears of an associated user;

a case detachably attached inside of the headgear within the one of the ear zones;

10 a speaker disposed inside the case within the ear zone;

an acoustic pick-up disposed inside the case within the ear zone;

15 a chin-strap having an attachment means; and
a connection cable connected to the case and retained at the headgear in its center portion by an attachment device which is configured to interconnect with the attachment means of the chin-strap.

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